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NABARD FUNDED PROJECTS
BHAVNA DEVRAJ CHIKHALIA;DILIP KUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI;MAHESHWAR SINGH;RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NABARD has provided funds for various projects in States particularly in Maharashtra and Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the State-wise funds provided by NABARD for implementation of various schemes and projects during the last three years;

(c) the criteria for selection of these projects;

(d) whether despite increase in funds the loan provided by NABARD under RIDF are decreasing;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken by NABARD to provide more funds to States under RIDF?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL):

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The State-wise details of funds sanctioned by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for implementation of various projects during the last three years are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) NABARD has reported that projects are prioritized by the State Government for availing sanction of loan from Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF), maintained by NABARD. Eligible activities are conveyed to the State Government pertaining to which projects are identified, formulated and submitted to NABARD for consideration and sanction of loan.

(d) and (e) No, Sir.

(f) NABARD has been in constant touch with the State Governments and impressing upon them to expedite the pace of project execution and utilize the sanction accorded to them. In addition, High Power Committee has been constituted in each state so as to monitor and review the project implementation and expedite the process of project execution. Chairman, NABARD has also held discussions with the Chief Ministers and Senior officials of the State Governments with a view to expediting the pace of project execution. Further to enhance the utilization of R1DF by states, NABARD has been conducting workshops and seminar to apprise the Government officials about RIDF and its utilization thereof.